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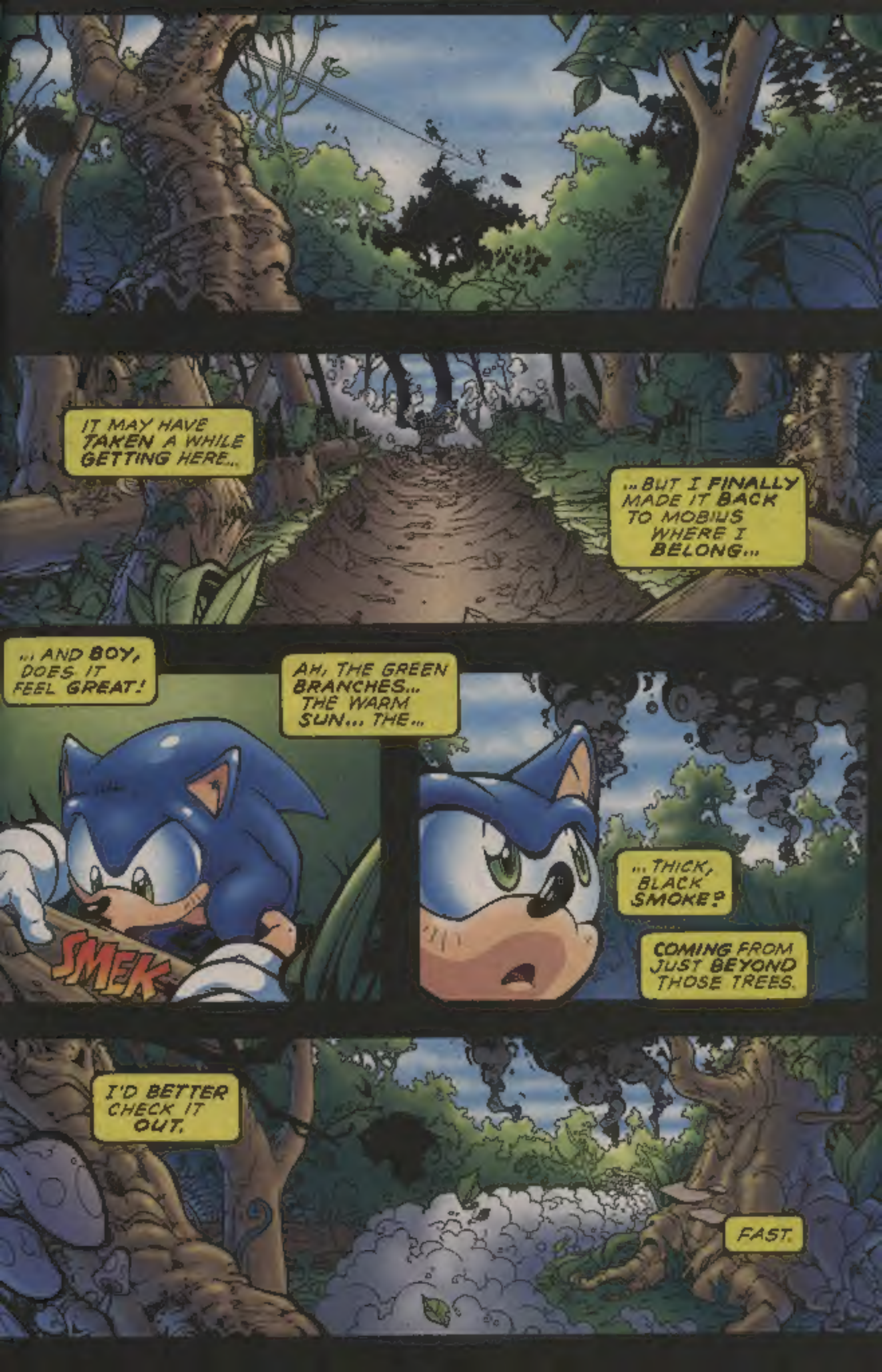

IT MAY HAVE TAKEN A WHILE GETTING HERE...
...BUT I FINALLY MADE IT BACK TO MOBIUS WHERE I BELONG...
...AND BOY, DOES IT FEEL GREAT!
AH, THE GREEN BRANCHES... THE WARM SUN... THE...
SMEK
...THICK, BLACK SMOKE?
COMING FROM JUST BEYOND THOSE TREES.
I'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT.
FAST.

WHAT THE--?!
Uhh, HERSHEY THE CAT...
...AND GEOFFREY ST. JOHN...
...I... I... Uhh, NOW PRONOUNCE YOU SKUNK AND :Ulp: WIFE!
YOU MAY :Err: KISS THE BRIDE!
HOW TOUCHING. MAKES ME WANT TO LOSE MY BRUNCH, THOUGH I BET IT'D BE MUCH WORSE LOSING MY LIFE.
BUT THEN, HOW WOULD I KNOW?
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU TWO CUDDLE-BUNNIES MANAGED TO ESCAPE MY PENITENTIARY, BUT MY SWAT-BOTS TRACKED YOU HERE ANYWAY. HIDING IN ONE OF MY VILLAGES. I'LL ADMIT I WENT A LITTLE OVERBOARD RAZING IT TO THE GROUND IN RETALIATION...
...BUT THAT'S THE PRICE THEY PAY FOR HARBORING SPIES. NOW THEY HAVE TO BE RELOCATED, YOU'LL NEVER GET TO TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU DISCOVERED IN MY ARMS FACTORY, AND MY SECRET IS SAFE. NOW TELL ME, WAS IT WORTH IT?
A.D.A.M....?
YES, FATHER...?
WE'VE HONORED THE LOVERS' LAST REQUEST, NOW I WANT TO HEAR SOMETHING GO--

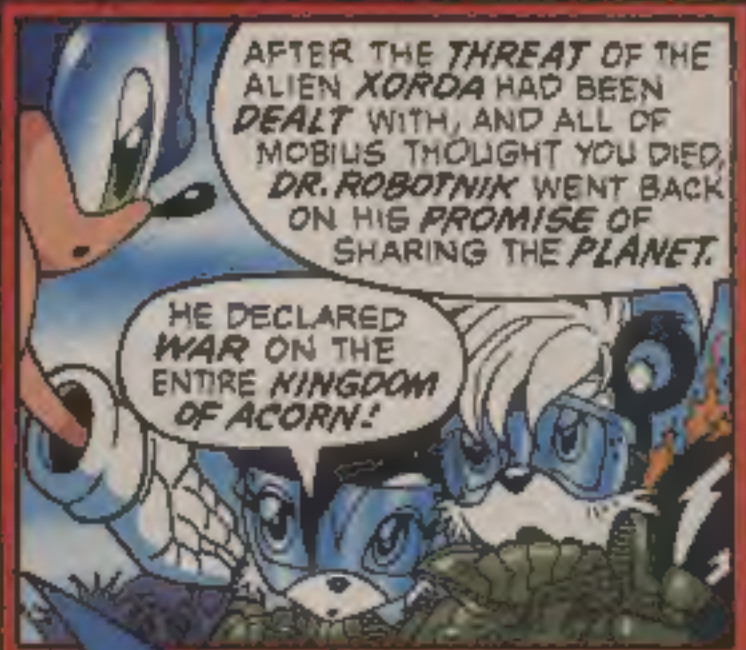
VZZZZZZZZ
Who--?!
KPOP BZZ
SOPOING
SPLANK
I... I...
--MUST BE SEEING A GHOST!
RIGHT, LUV?
UH-OH--
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK

--BETTER--
--MAKE--
--THIS--
--QUICK!

I'M HO-O-O-ME!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAY!

SONIC!! YOU'RE ALIVE!
HOW'D YOU PULL IT OFF, MATE?
I'LL FILL YOU IN LATER. RIGHT NOW...
...CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?


AFTER THE THREAT OF THE ALIEN XORDA HAD BEEN DEALT WITH, AND ALL OF MOBIUS THOUGHT YOU DIED, DR. ROBOTNIK WENT BACK ON HIS PROMISE OF SHARING THE PLANET.
HE DECLARED WAR ON THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF ACORN!

WAR?!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!
WE'RE NOT!
NEITHER IS EGGMAN, AND HE'S AMASSED THE ATOMIC ARSENAL TO PROVE IT!

HE TRIED TO HAVE US EXECUTED BEFORE WE COULD WARN KNOTHOLE!

DON'T SWEAT IT. I'M FAST ENOUGH TO GET THERE AND TELL THEM FOR YOU!
SONIC-- WAIT! TOO LATE... HE'S GONE!

NEW MEGAOPOLIS—CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE
I DON'T GET IT, M! WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WE'VE APPARENTLY LOST OUR LIVE VIDEO FEED, FATHER.
BUT, WHAT ABOUT ST. JOHN AND HERSHEY? HAVE THEY BEEN EFFECTIVELY RUBBED OUT?
A.D.A.M.-- YOU CONTROL ALL OF MY SWAT-BOT UNITS! I NEED ANSWERS!
THE ENTIRE PHALANX HAS BEEN DESTROYED, FATHER.
THIS WAS THE LAST RECORDED IMAGE.
OH, ME. DEEP BREATHS.
OH, MY. REMAIN CALM.
OH, DEAR. NOT REALLY WORKING.
GAAAAAA

FATHER...? WHO *IS* THAT BLUE HEDGE-HOG?

HIS *NAME* IS SON C/ M.

"HE S *ENEMY* A-NUMERO-UNO."

A *THORN* N MY S DE WHO S HALTED EVERY STEP I VE *EVER* MADE TOWARD GLOBAL *DOMINATION.*

WHY ARE THERE NO EX STING *FILES* ON H M?

WHY, I *DELETED* THEM.

"I *THOUGHT* HE WAS DEAD

"*DONE* FOR.

'YESTERDAY S *SUSHI.*

"I WAS *WRONG.*

"I *HATE* BE NG WRONG..

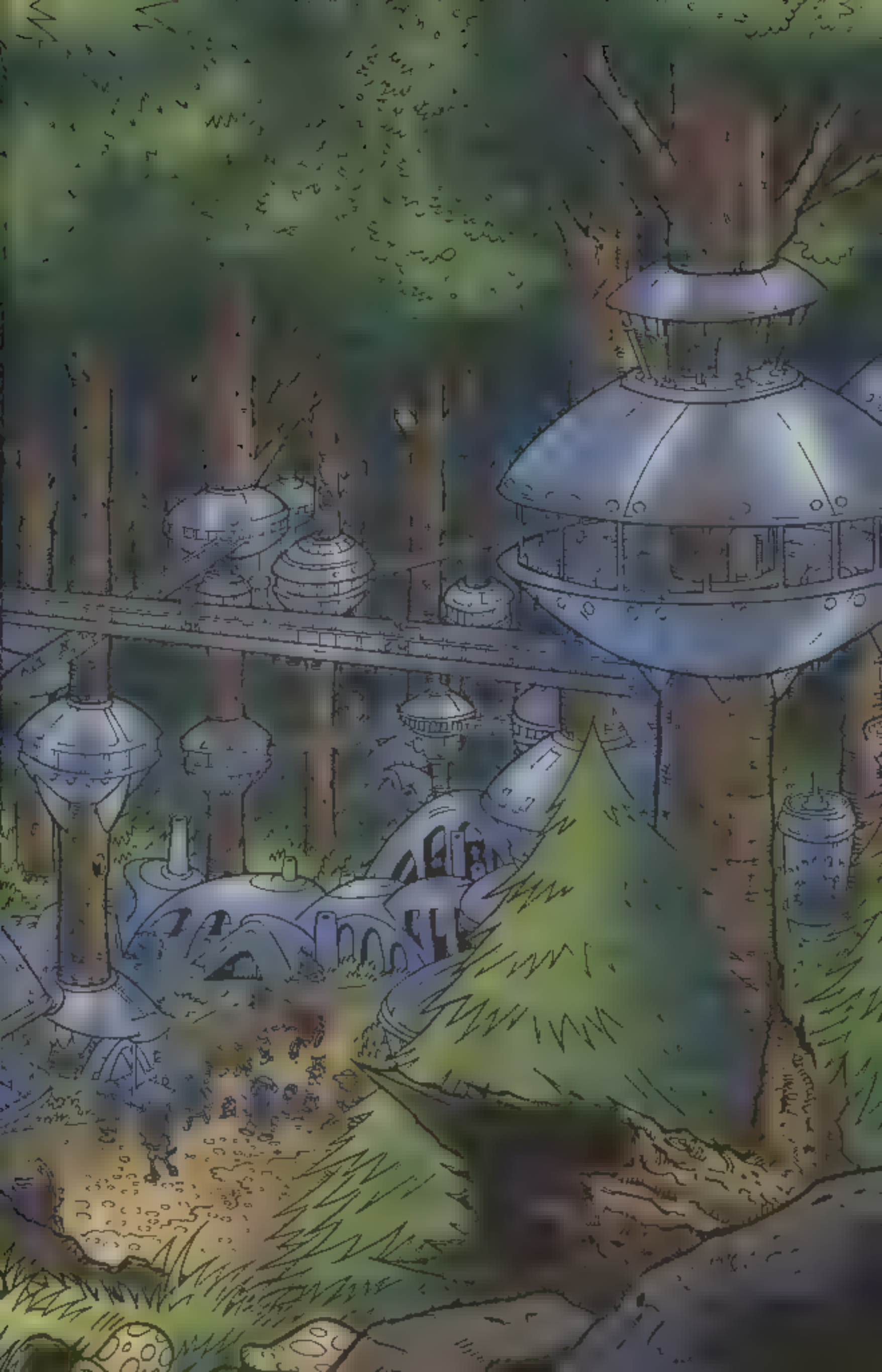
" BUT MAKE NO *MISTAKE,* M I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG EVEN *MORE!"*

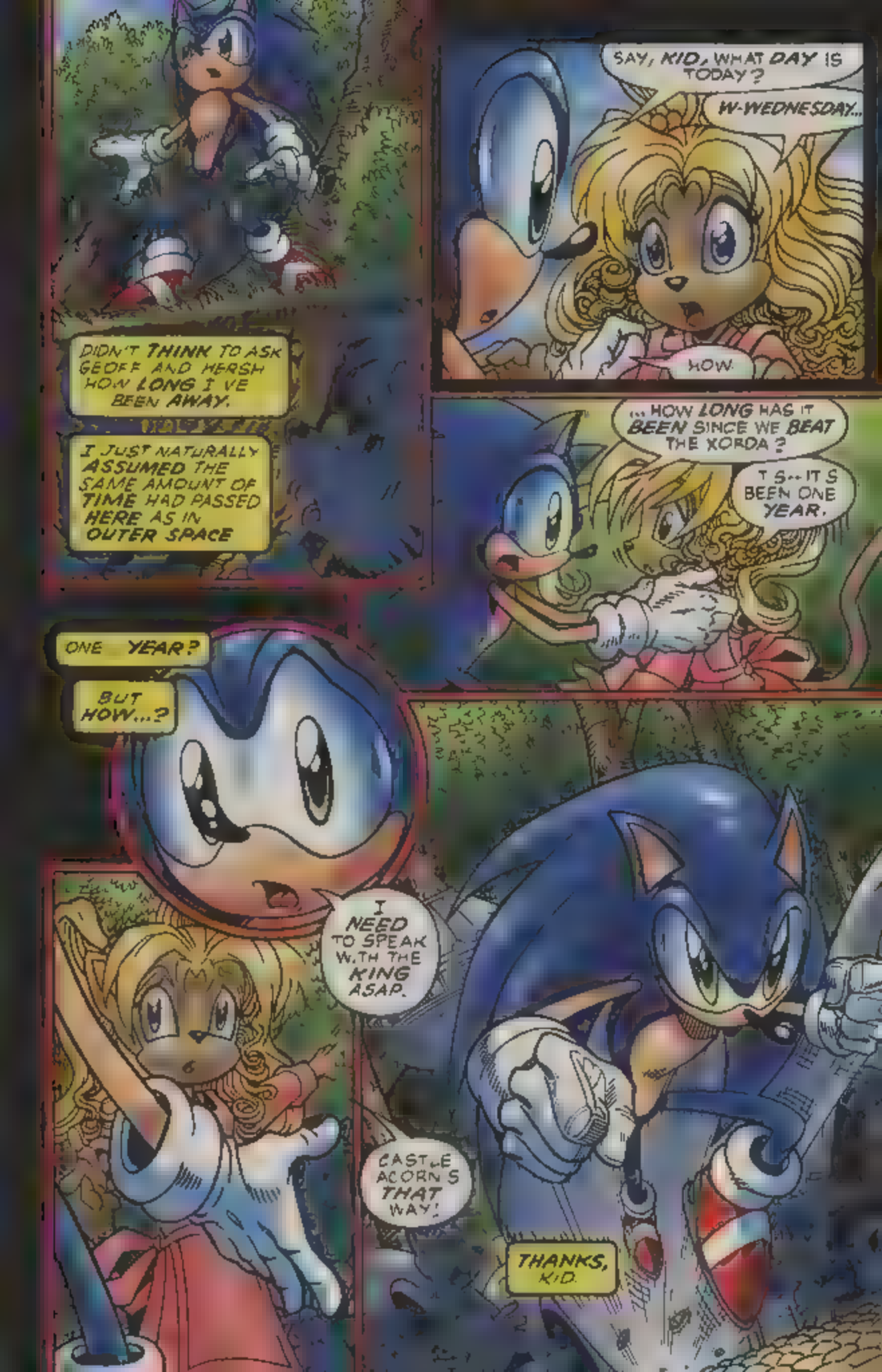
THE GREAT FOREST IN UNDER AN *HOUR.*

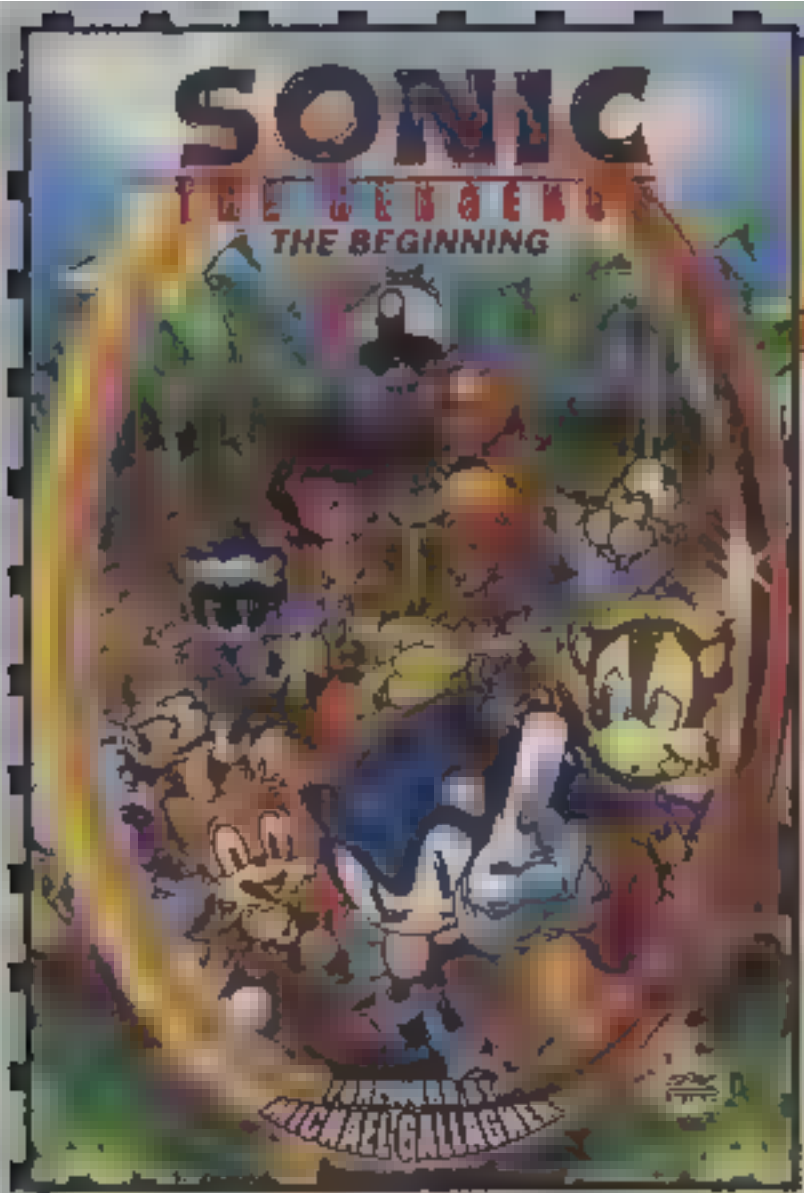
NOT *BAD* FOR A GUY WHO *SPENT* THE LAST SIX *WEEKS* IN--

--*IN*--

KNOTHOLE?!
IT'S--
--WAY DIFFERENT!




DIDN'T THINK TO ASK GEOFF AND HERSH HOW LONG I'VE BEEN AWAY.
I JUST NATURALLY ASSUMED THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME HAD PASSED HERE AS IN OUTER SPACE
SAY, KID, WHAT DAY IS TODAY?
W-WEDNESDAY...
HOW...
...HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE BEAT THE XORDA?
T'S... IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR.
ONE YEAR?
BUT HOW...?
I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE KING ASAP.
CASTLE ACORN'S THAT WAY!
THANKS, KID.



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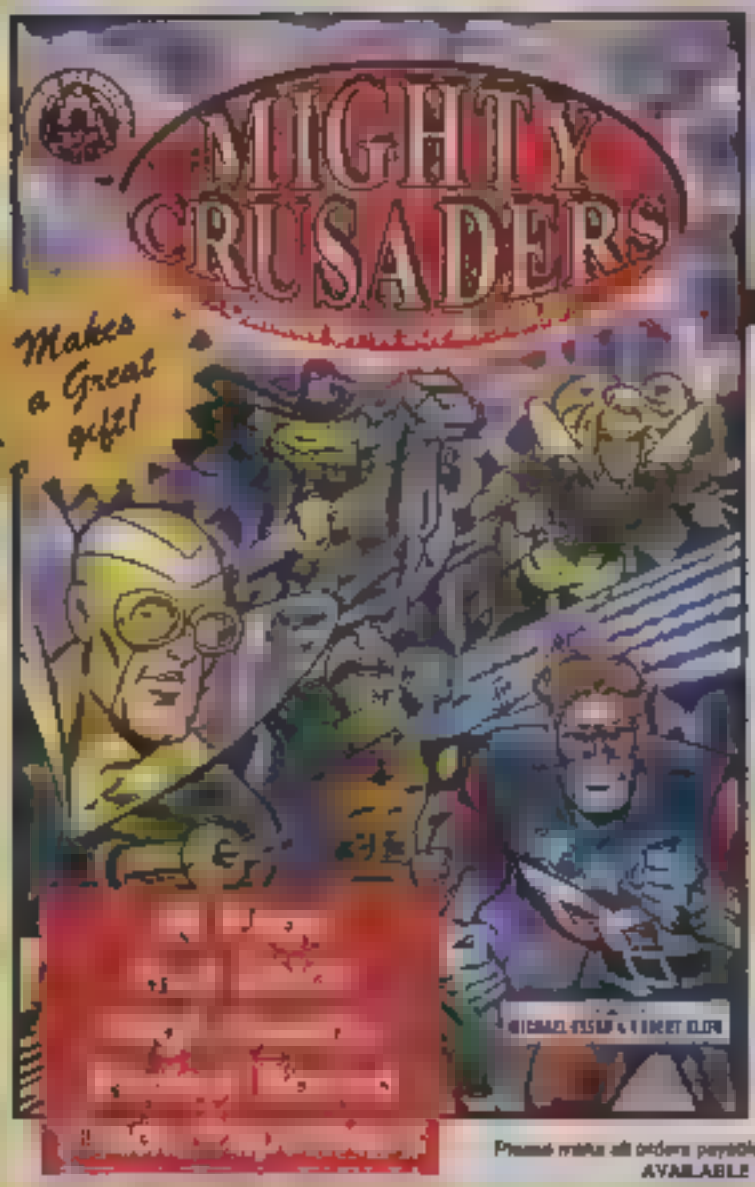

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KNOCK KNOCK!
Uhh WHO'S THERE?
TEN GUESSES!
IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?
SURE LOOKS LIKE!
BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
SHOULD WE LET HIM IN?
I SUPPOSE IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO...
"...FOR A LIVING, BREATHING LEGEND, RIGHT?"

F ME N' THE *CHAOTIX* INFILTRATE *ANGEL ISLAND* JUST AFTER *MIDNIGHT*...

...WE CAN *LIBERATE* IT FROM ROBOTNIK'S *FORCES* BY LUNCHTIME TOMORROW, *KING MAXIMILLIAN!*

I'M SORRY, *KNUCKLES*, BUT WE HAVE TO *DENY* YOUR REQUEST AT THIS TIME *KNOTHOLE CITY* REQUIRES YOUR *PRESENCE* A BIT LONGER

I'M IN *AGREEMENT* WITH *QUEEN ALICIA*, LAD. WE *KNOW* THAT ROBOTNIK'S *HATCHING* A NEW PLAN UP NORTH IN *NEW* MEGAOPOLIS...

WE JUST *DON'T* KNOW WHAT IT *IS*

OH, YES WE *DO*.

KNUCKLES-- T'S--*IT'S*--

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, *JULIE-SU*.

SWEET *MOTHER* OF MOBIUS, IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

S'UP?

GREAT BALLS O' FIRE!
THIS IS AMAZING!
WELL, SUNNUVAGUN!
CLAP
GOOD TO SEE YA, TRUE BLUE!
KNUX, MAN I HEARD YOU WERE DEAD!
I COULD SAY THE SAME THING, PAL.
YA GOT ME THERE!
SONIC...?
KING MAX, SIRE-- YOU CAN WALK!
YES, BUT...
HOW DID YOU MAKE IT, MY BOY?
I'M NOT SURE. IT'S A TRIPPED-OUT STORY, BUT I'M HOME SAFE AND READY TO SERVE MY KINGDOM!
WHAT DID YOU MEAN ABOUT ROBOTNIK?
ATOMICS.

THAT MANIAC COULD HAVE AS LITTLE AS TWO OR AS MANY AS TWO HUNDRED RIGHT AT HIS FINGERTIPS.

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL.

GEEZ.

I FEARED IT WOULD COME TO THIS

SONIC?! IS IT REALLY YOU? I THOUGHT THE GUARDS HAD LOST THEIR MINDS!

UNCLE CHUCK?

SONNY BOY!

UNCLE CHUCK!!

HOW ARE YOU DOIN'?!

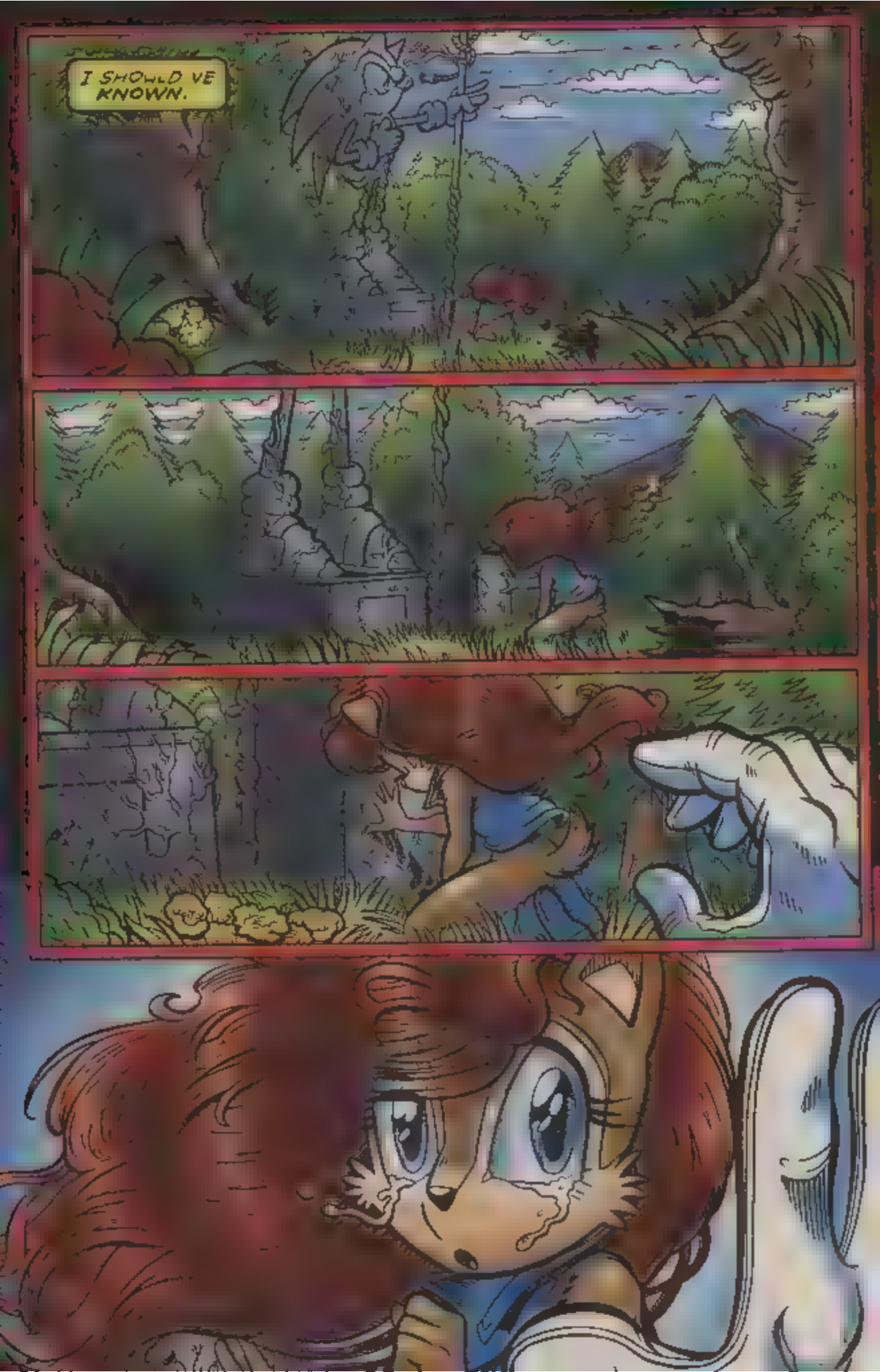
HOW AM I DOING? HOW ARE YOU DOING?

NEVER FELT BETTER IN MY LIFE. WHERE'S MOM N' DAD?

I'LL SEND FOR THEM AT ONCE!

WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY NEXT BIG QUESTION...

...WHERE'S SAL?


I SHOULD VE KNOWN.

POP
PAP
KLIK
WHRR
PAP

LOOKS LIKE THE RUMORS ARE ON THE MONEY, BOYS!

SONIC IS BACK FROM THE GRAVE AFTER ONE WHOLE YEAR

AND GETTING HOT AND HEAVY WITH PRINCESS SALLY ACORN TO BOOT!

SOUNDS LIKE FRONT PAGE MATERIAL, IF YOU ASK ME!

WHO--?

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WOULD YOU ALLOW THE ROYAL COUPLE A MOMENT OF PRIVACY?

WHERE WERE YOU RAISED? IN A KENNEL?

SO, SAL AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY YOU THOUGHT I WAS DEAD? OR, ASK HOW I SURVIVED?

NO

I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK TO ME SONIC

...IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

SONIC!! YOU'RE ALIVE!

IT'S TRUE! T'S TRUE!

TAILS!

AMY!

HEY BUDDY!

HOWDY SUGAH-HOG!

HEY ROTOR! DOFC YO, BUNNIE!

OH JULES-- T S A MIRACLE!

NEED A HAND, SON?

PUT ER THERE, POP.

OH SONIC WE VE [illegible] U SO

I MISSED YOU, TOO, MOM.

I SALUTE ZEE HERO ON Z S RETURN MOST UNEXPECTED.

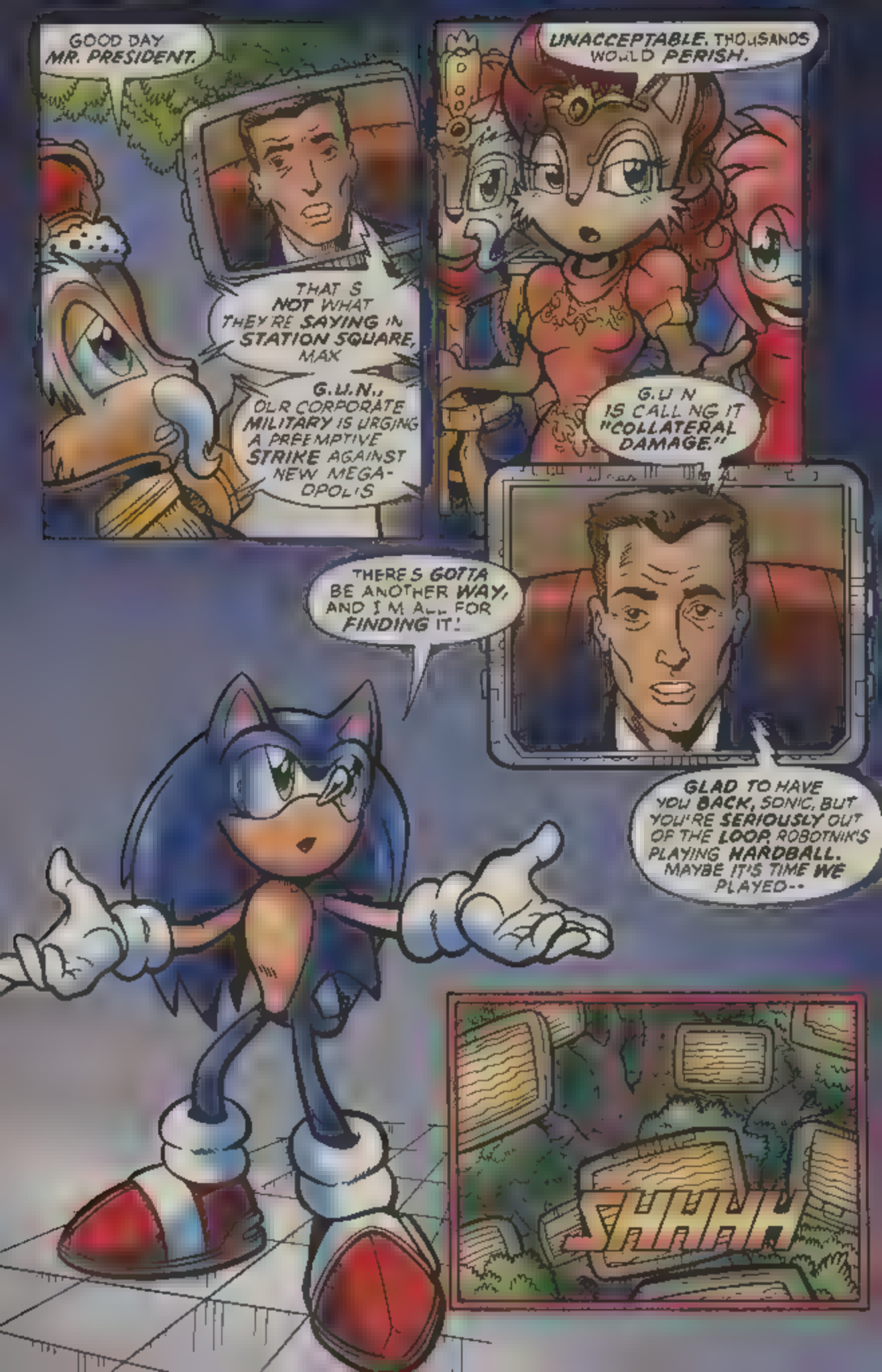
STILL GOT THAT WACKY ACCENT, HUH, ANTOINE?

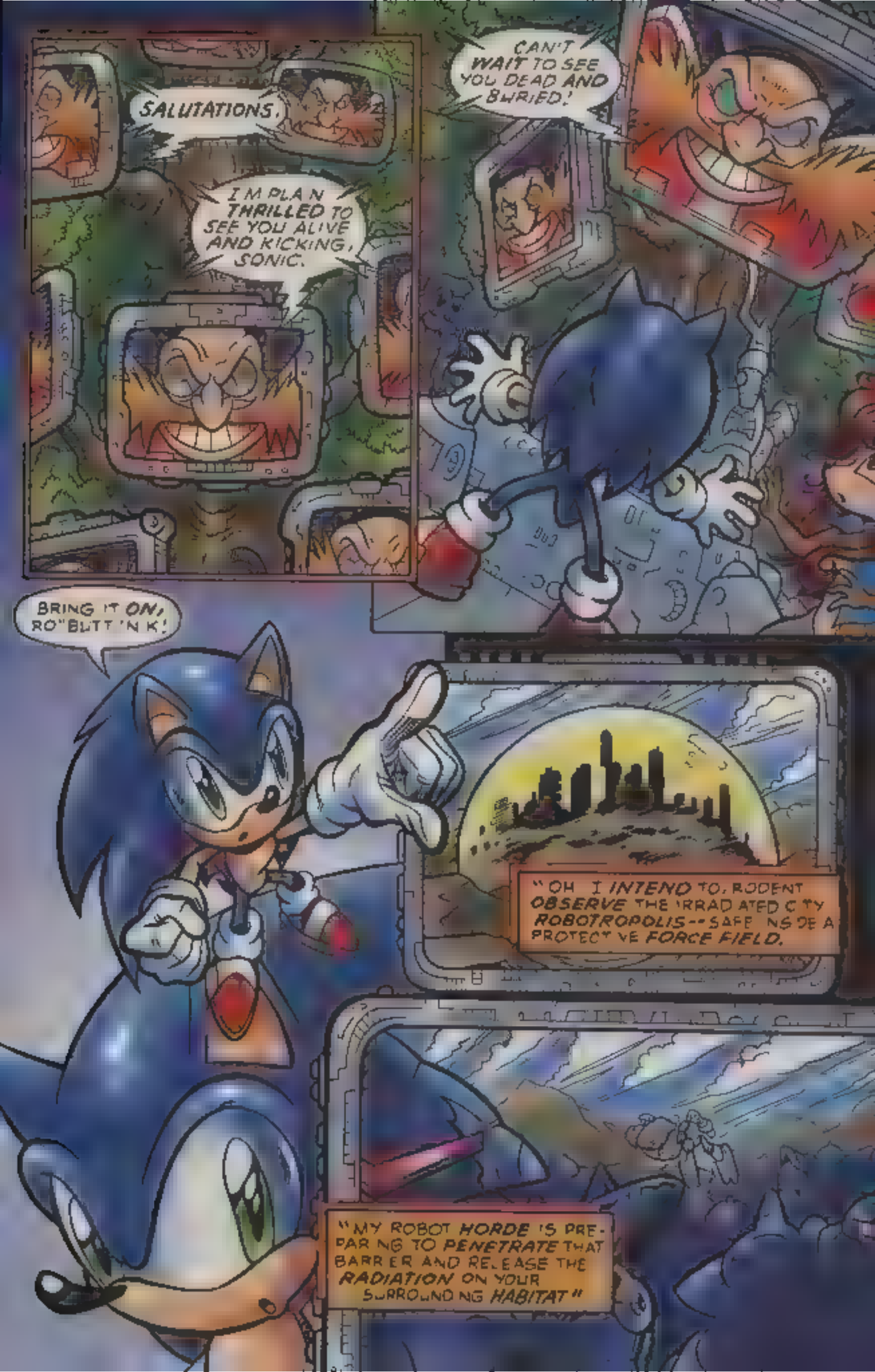
HUH STONE SERIOUS.

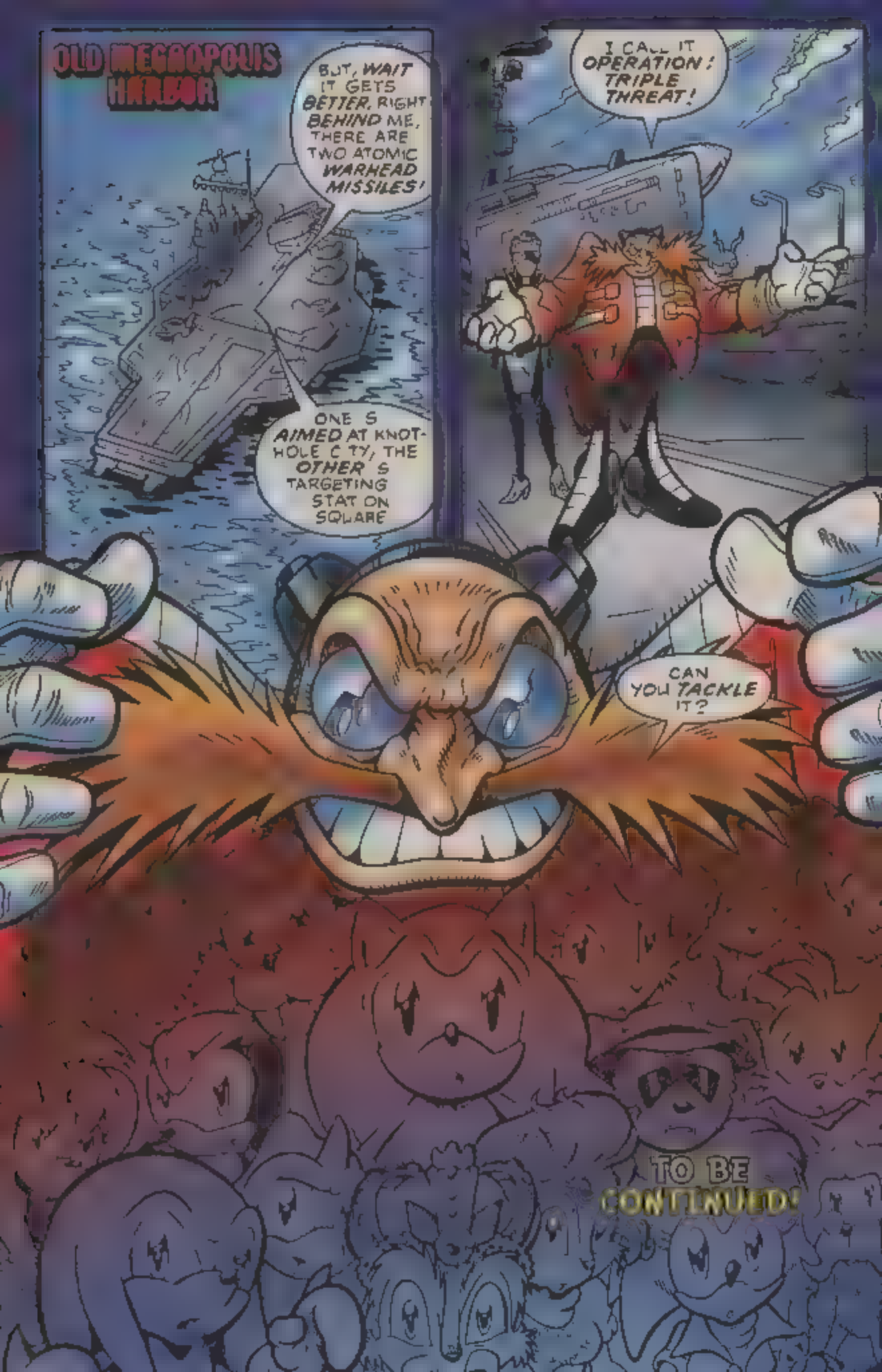
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE ANT SO GRIM N' GRITTY?

AND HOW'D HE GET THAT WAY WICKED SCAR?

CASTLE ACORN
COMMAND CENTRAL
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
I CALL IT THE "TECHNOLO-TREE"--
--A TELECOMMUNICATIONS PORT WITH SATELLITE UPLINK--WE CAN INTERFACE TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE ON THE GLOBE!


GOOD DAY MR. PRESIDENT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IN STATION SQUARE, MAX
G.U.N., OUR CORPORATE MILITARY IS URGING A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE AGAINST NEW MEGA-OPOLIS
UNACCEPTABLE. THOUSANDS WOULD PERISH.
G.U.N. IS CALLING IT "COLLATERAL DAMAGE."
THERE'S GOTTA BE ANOTHER WAY, AND I'M ALL FOR FINDING IT!
GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK, SONIC, BUT YOU'RE SERIOUSLY OUT OF THE LOOP. ROBOTNIK'S PLAYING HARDBALL. MAYBE IT'S TIME WE PLAYED--
SHHHH


SALUTATIONS.
I'M PLAN THRILLED TO SEE YOU ALIVE AND KICKING, SONIC.
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU DEAD AND BURIED!
BRING IT ON, RO"BUTT'N K!
"OH I INTEND TO, RODENT OBSERVE THE IRRADIATED CITY ROBOTROPOLIS--SAFE INSIDE A PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD.
"MY ROBOT HORDE IS PREPARING TO PENETRATE THAT BARRIER AND RELEASE THE RADIATION ON YOUR SURROUNDING HABITAT"


OLD MEGAPOLIS HARBOR
BUT, WAIT IT GETS BETTER. RIGHT BEHIND ME, THERE ARE TWO ATOMIC WARHEAD MISSILES!
ONE S AIMED AT KNOT-HOLE C TY, THE OTHER S TARGETING STAT ON SQUARE
I CALL IT OPERATION: TRIPLE THREAT!
CAN YOU TACKLE IT?
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Thanks for understanding!

One final bit of business before we get to this month's latest mail from you guys. To all those who wrote and asked "Well, what about Knuckles?," as you can see, he's fully entrenched in Sonic's world in the main stories. So what happened to the back-up feature? For that, what can I say but to get ready for our next issue as we blow down the doors with the opening chapter of "MOBIUS: 25 YEARS LATER" featuring Knuckles,Julie-Su, and a whole bunch of familiar as well as new faces. As the title suggests, even King Sonic himself (that's right, King) eventually gets in on the action (though not for a few more issues). And for all our new readers, trust me when I say you won't be lost, as all you'll need to know is established from the get-go. And while you're waiting for SONIC #131 to hit the stands, you can take the time and let us know what you thought of this issue. That said, let's see what you had to say about previous issues like...

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I'm an elementary library aide in a rural school district and a new reader of Sonic (two issues now!). I picked up Sonic because I'm always looking for new reading material for my students and Sonic #127 just kind of leaped off the rack at me - the fact that a new TV show was coming on that would increase the possibility of the kids recognizing it helped.

Anyway, I just wanted to tell you Sonic is very popular here. The first issue I put out is continually going out and the one I have on my desk getting ready for circulation has already attracted quite a bit of interest. I can't tell you why the kids like him, but I know why I do. The art is fantastic. It says a lot all by itself. The story is also intriguing. The worlds he's visiting right now and the aliens he meets are really interesting. Is there more about Xenocanans in other issues? I'd like to see more of it. And it doesn't look like that's possible now. Even though I haven't followed Sonic I feel like he's an old friend.

So thanks for the great comic. I'll be on the lookout for more Sonic for the kids and myself from now on.

A New Fan, Penny L. Kenny

I've been on the book a long time, and I think I can say without hesitation that this is the first time the Sonic comic's received mail from an adult acknowledging using Sonic in the schools. In the interests of promoting future readers, if you can send us the address to your school, there's a pretty good chance a Sonic care package will be winging its way to all those young readers. Happy holidays.

Dear Sonic Zoo-crew,

This is my first time e-mailing, and all I want to say is that issue #126 was the best I've read. I guess it is because I only have issues #126, #127, and #128. I also have a SONIC AND KNUCKLES one from way back in 1999 or sometime around that.

You know the drawing by Axer right after the cover for #128 was some wicked drawing. I haven't seen a lot of Spaz's art so far now. I think Axer is the best. I don't know much about what happened over the last hundred issues.

I've never seen Mina the Hoogoosa and the new stuff. One question I got for you guys is, WHAT WAS UP WITH THE BACK-UP STORY FOR ISSUE #127?!?!?!?!? That was one surprising comic. I never knew you guys would do something like that. Still, that back-up was good.

Thanks for keeping Sonic comics good even after all the things I've missed. I can't wait until #131 comes out. Knuckles is my favorite character. I haven't seen the new drawings of him, so the wait is a real killer. I can't wait to find out if he looks better or not. Hope you guys didn't mess up his new look. Thanks for keeping Sonic a great comic all this time!

Greg

P.S. I don't expect you to put this out on the comics. To tell you the truth, I wouldn't want you to. This is my first e-mail so I didn't know how I should have written it. Hope the letter isn't too weird for you. Hope you also know what I'm talking about on the SONIC AND KNUCKLES comic from way back in 1999. Sonic X is great. I hope you guys think the same of it, too.

Relax, Greg, you did fine for a first timer. Only next time get a bit more detailed about what you did or didn't like. It's those comments that really give us a clue what jazzes everyone out there and helps us make these books even more way past cool. Okay?

Hey guys,

I really enjoyed #128. The current story is one of the best that you have had while I've been reading (since about #50). Issue #125 was the best since #101 which should have been #100 because it was much better than the real #100.

Anyway, with Sonic video games coming to GameCube that should have given you enough "new readers" to satisfy your need. I think you guys have finally found the right track, keep it 2 stories max., and keep the stories going through more than just one issue. Please!

On a technical note... When Sonic found those Ruby emeralds on that one planet back in issue #126 there were only six. Sonic then began to think that he only needed six chaos emeralds to become Super Sonic? Where did he get this idea? Last time I checked it took seven chaos emeralds and 50 rings to do it. Now I know the Ruby emeralds could be different, but not the Chaos emeralds.

Thanks for reading this letter, and if you want to cut anything out to make it shorter go right ahead. **A HUGE Sonic Fan, John Stetz**

Whoops!

Guess we should stick Benny back in front of his Dreamcast and have him replay Sonic Adventure over and over so this doesn't happen again. Just kidding. In truth, Sonic was engaging in wishful thinking while caught in a desperate situation. Not knowing if the same rules applied to Chaos Rubies that did with Chaos Emeralds, he tried it and it worked. But as you know from reading the story, it didn't work the way he would've liked.

Anyway, about your other point, I sincerely believe the battle between catering to new readers and long-time loyalists like yourself is one that's constantly fought by the creative teams of any long-running series. With a continuity driven title like this one, it's trying to figure out how much info a newbie needs just to enjoy the story without making the regulars feel like they've bought a rerun. Most of the time we usually get the balance right, and when we don't it's not from a lack of trying.

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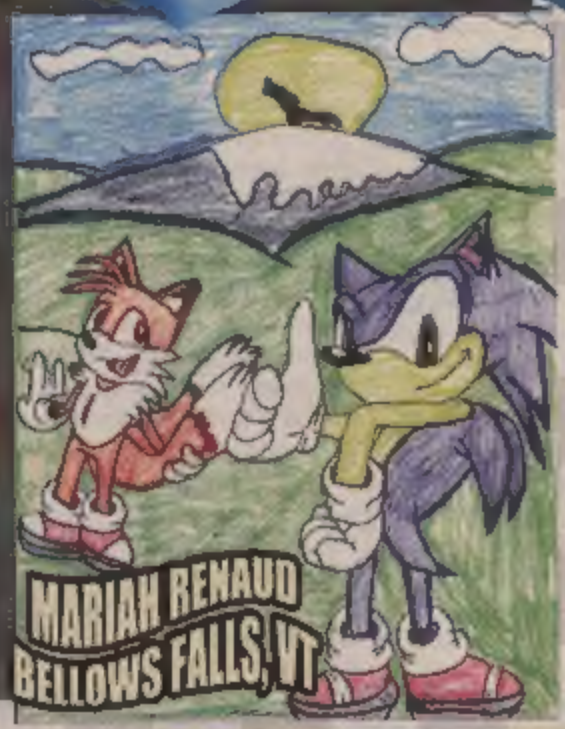

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